



DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Citric Acid and Certain Citrate Salts from Belgium: Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2020-2021

AGENCY: Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) determines that Citribel nv (Citribel), formerly S.A. Citrique Belge N.V. (Citrique Belge), a producer/exporter of citric acid and certain citrate salts (citric acid) from Belgium, did not sell subject merchandise at prices below normal value during the period of review (POR), July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021.

DATES: Applicable [INSERT DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*].

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On July 29, 2022, Commerce published the *Preliminary Results* of the 2020-2021 administrative review of the antidumping duty order on citric acid from Belgium.¹ This review covers one producer/exporter of the subject merchandise, Citribel (formerly Citrique Belge).²

¹ See *Citric Acid and Certain Citrate Salts from Belgium: Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2020–2021*, 87 FR 45751 (July 29, 2022) (*Preliminary Results*).

² See *Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews*, 86 FR 50034 (September 7, 2021) (*Initiation Notice*). The *Initiation Notice* included the company name “S.A. Citrique Belge N.V.” (Citrique Belge). Subsequently, we determined that Citribel is the successor-in-interest to Citrique Belge. See *Citric Acid and Certain*

We invited parties to comment on the *Preliminary Results*. No party submitted comments.

Accordingly, the final results remain unchanged from the *Preliminary Results*.

Scope of the Order³

The merchandise covered by this *Order* includes all grades and granulation sizes of citric acid, sodium citrate, and potassium citrate in their unblended forms, whether dry or in solution, and regardless of packaging type. The scope also includes blends of citric acid, sodium citrate, and potassium citrate; as well as blends with other ingredients, such as sugar, where the unblended form(s) of citric acid, sodium citrate, and potassium citrate constitute 40 percent or more, by weight, of the blend.

The scope also includes all forms of crude calcium citrate, including dicalcium citrate monohydrate, and tricalcium citrate tetrahydrate, which are intermediate products in the production of citric acid, sodium citrate, and potassium citrate.

The scope includes the hydrous and anhydrous forms of citric acid, the dihydrate and anhydrous forms of sodium citrate, otherwise known as citric acid sodium salt, and the monohydrate and monopotassium forms of potassium citrate. Sodium citrate also includes both trisodium citrate and monosodium citrate which are also known as citric acid trisodium salt and citric acid monosodium salt, respectively.

The scope does not include calcium citrate that satisfies the standards set forth in the United States Pharmacopeia and has been mixed with a functional excipient, such as dextrose or starch, where the excipient constitutes at least 2 percent, by weight, of the product.

Citric acid and sodium citrate are classifiable under 2918.14.0000 and 2918.15.1000 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS), respectively. Potassium citrate and crude calcium citrate are classifiable under 2918.15.5000 and, if included in a mixture or

Citrate Salts from Belgium: Notice of Initiation and Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Changed Circumstance Review, 87 FR 35738 (June 13, 2022), and accompanying Preliminary Decision Memorandum, unchanged in *Citric Acid and Certain Citrate Salts from Belgium: Final Results of Antidumping Duty Changed Circumstances Review*, 87 FR 45750 (July 29, 2022) (*Citric Acid Belgium CCR*).

³ See *Citric Acid and Certain Citrate Salts from Belgium, Colombia and Thailand: Antidumping Duty Orders*, 83 FR 35214 (July 25, 2018) (*Order*).

blend, 3824.99.9295 of the HTSUS. Blends that include citric acid, sodium citrate, and potassium citrate are classifiable under 3824.99.9295 of the HTSUS. Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the merchandise is dispositive.

Final Results of Review

As a result of this administrative review, Commerce determines that the following dumping margin exists for the POR:

Producer/Exporter	Weighted-Average Dumping Margin (percent)
Citribel nv (formerly S.A. Citrique Belge)	0.00

Disclosure

Normally, Commerce will disclose to the parties in a proceeding the calculations performed in connection with a final results of review within five days of any public announcement or, if there is no public announcement, within five days of the date of publication of the notice of final results in the *Federal Register*, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.224(b). However, Commerce made no adjustments to the margin calculation methodology used in the *Preliminary Results*; therefore, there are no calculations to disclose for the final results.

Assessment Rates

Pursuant to section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), and 19 CFR 351.212(b), Commerce has determined, and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) shall assess, antidumping duties on all appropriate entries of subject merchandise in accordance with the final results of this review. Because the rate assigned to Citribel (formerly Citrique Belge) is zero, Commerce will instruct CBP to liquidate the appropriate entries without regard to antidumping duties.⁴

⁴ As explained above, we determined that Citribel is the successor-in-interest to Citrique Belge. *See Citric Acid Belgium CCR*. Accordingly, we intend to issue assessment instructions covering entries produced and exported by Citrique Belge during the POR at the rate established in these final results.

Commerce intends to issue assessment instructions to CBP no earlier than 35 days after the date of publication of the final results of this review in the *Federal Register*. If a timely summons is filed at the U.S. Court of International Trade, the assessment instructions will direct CBP not to liquidate relevant entries until the time for parties to file a request for a statutory injunction has expired (*i.e.*, within 90 days of publication).

Cash Deposit Requirements

The following deposit requirements will be effective upon publication of the notice of these final results for all shipments of citric acid from Belgium entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of publication provided by section 751(a)(2) of the Act: (1) the cash deposit rate for Citribel will be zero; (2) for merchandise exported by producers or exporters not covered in this review but covered in a completed prior segment of the proceeding, the cash deposit rate will continue to be the company-specific rate published for the most recently completed segment of this proceeding in which the producer and/or exporter participated; (3) if the exporter is not a firm covered in this review, a prior review, or the original less-than-fair-value investigation but the producer is, then the cash deposit rate will be the rate established for the most recently completed segment of the proceeding for the producer of the merchandise; and (4) the cash deposit rate for all other producers or exporters will continue to be 19.30 percent, the all-others rate established in the less-than-fair-value investigation.⁵ These cash deposit requirements, when imposed, shall remain in effect until further notice.

Notification to Importers

This notice serves as a final reminder to importers of their responsibility under 19 CFR 351.402(f)(2) to file a certificate regarding the reimbursement of antidumping duties prior to liquidation of the relevant entries during this review period. Failure to comply with this requirement could result in Commerce's presumption that reimbursement of antidumping duties occurred and the subsequent assessment of double antidumping duties.

⁵ See *Order*.

Administrative Protective Order

This notice also serves as a reminder to parties subject to an administrative protective order (APO) of their responsibility concerning the return or destruction of proprietary information disclosed under the APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305(a)(3), which continues to govern business proprietary information in this segment of the proceeding. Timely written notification of the return or destruction of APO materials or conversion to judicial protective order is hereby requested. Failure to comply with the regulations and terms of an APO is a sanctionable violation.

Notification to Interested Parties

We are issuing and publishing this notice in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.221(b)(5).

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for Enforcement and Compliance.

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